

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

Allen County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for program year 2020 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, a federally funded program administered by the State. CDBG programs can fund a broad range of planning, community improvement and housing related activities that must be designed to primarily benefit low-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of elimination of slum and blight or meet an urgent need within the community. The County is eligible for the following PY 2020 Community Development programs, providing the County meets the applicable requirements:

- Allocation Program: biennial for \$220,000 – designed to improve public facilities, public services, housing, economic development and fair housing.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program: biennial up to \$750,000 – designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed areas through public infrastructure projects.
- Residential Public Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$750,000 - designed to create safe and reliable drinking water and properly disposed of sanitary waste.
- Critical Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$500,000 – designed to fund public infrastructure improvements with a significant community impact.
- Economic Development and Public Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$500,000 – grants and loans designed to improve infrastructure directly and primarily related to creating, expanding or retaining a business in the community.
- Target of Opportunity Program: open cycle, up to an amount to be determined - designed to provide a means to fund worthwhile "targets of opportunity" projects and activities that do not fit within existing program structures and to provide supplemental resources to resolve immediate and unforeseen needs – includes Downtown Revitalization, up to \$250,000, designed to improve central business districts, aiding in the elimination of slum and blight structures.

The first of two public hearings will be held on May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will provide citizens with pertinent information about all of these programs, including an explanation of eligible activities, program requirements and application due dates. Citizens are encouraged to attend to provide input on the County's programs.

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Immediately following the first public hearing, will be a meeting to develop a Community Development Implementation Strategy, The CDIS meeting will provide information about Community and Economic Development programs and assist with identifying and prioritizing potential funding opportunities.

It is important for local jurisdictions and their priority projects to be represented at this meeting. Those in attendance should be prepared to discuss public infrastructure, facilities and services and economic development needs and opportunities within their jurisdictions or agency service areas within Allen County.